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**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Educational Institution" Under
the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational
Institutions**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 393, §4, is further amended to read:

2-A. Educational institution. "Educational institution" means any public school or educational program, any public ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary institution, any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes if ~~both male and female students are admitted~~ and the governing body of each such school or program. For purposes related to disability-related discrimination, "educational institution" also means any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "educational institution" under the Maine Human Rights Act to provide that single-sex public schools and educational programs, public postsecondary institutions and private schools and educational programs and the governing bodies of these schools and programs are subject to the Act.